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POLICE SEEKING BOMB SUSPECTS

Two Reportedly Seen in Lafayette Square Area

Police revealed late Friday that two Negro men were being sought in connection with a crude, leaflet-filled bomb that shook the area of Lafayette Square earlier in the day.

The young men were reportedly seen throwing something into the square before the explosion.

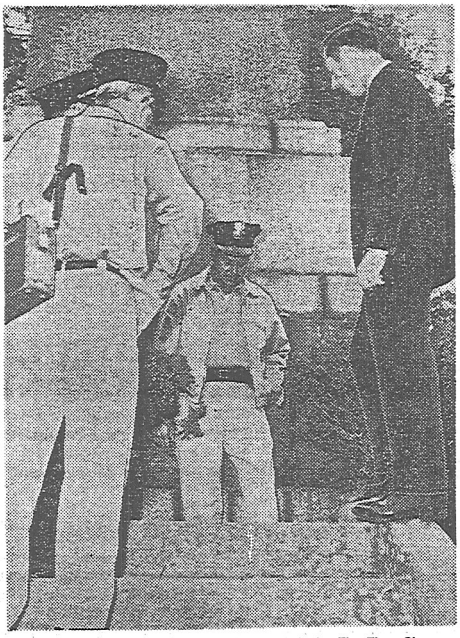
The three-inch-by-one-foot metallic pipe containing the explosive powder landed at the base of Henry Clay's statue, which was unmarked.

No one was hurt, but "it made a hell of a noise," according to a bartender on Camp st. Capt. Marvin Leonard, police information officer, said the tiny bombshell rattled windows in nearby buildings.

The men reportedly left behind a number of leaflets. However a police spokesman said he was unable to confirm the report.

The leaflets, in the name of "The Minutemen," were apparently held in a metal container that was propelled from the rest of the bomb cannon-style.

Police said that one of the Negro men was wearing khaki pants and a red sweater, while the other was clad in green pants and a tan sweater.



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POLICE OFFICERS check the area where a home-made bomb was exploded Friday at the foot of the Henry Clay statue in Lafayette Square. The investigating officers are Ptn. Ray O'Shaughnessy (facing camera) and Capt. Marvin Leonard (right).